

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY JUNE 23, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

D O C K E T

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.
2. Approval of the May 19, 2014, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.
3. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES**

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install a “3 Hour, 8 a.m.–5p.m., Monday – Friday, with the exception of District 4 Permit Holders,” restriction on the east side of the 400 block of South Payne Street where parking is currently unrestricted.
5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to convert a grandfathered certificate of public convenience and necessity (Certificate) into a permanent Certificate.

NEXT TRAFFIC & PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING JULY 28, 2014

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M I N U T E S

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, Gregory Cota, William Schuyler, Elizabeth Jones, Mary White and Kevin Beekman.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: James Lewis was absent.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Ravi Raut, Traffic Studies Engineer, Hillary Poole, Complete Streets Coordinator, and Chris Dowling, Traffic Engineer I.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: There were no deferrals or withdrawals.
2. Approval of the April 28, 2014, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Cota made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler, to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2014, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:** Hillary Poole updated the Board on the Pedestrian Improvements to Transit Stops study.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove 10 feet of parking on either side of the alley located along the south side of Pendleton Street between Columbus Street and Alfred Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Doris Sokoloff and Mimi Konoza spoke against the request. Timothy Angers spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Bob Garbacz presented the item to the Board. The Board discussed that removing 10 feet of parking on either side would eliminate two parking spaces in an area with a very high parking demand. They agreed that there was a need to prevent vehicles from parking over the curb cut entrance, and decided that three feet of parking removal on either side would provide safer entrance and exit while minimizing the effect on parking loss.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman, to remove three feet of parking from either side of the alley entrance along the 800 block of Pendleton Street. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove one parking space along the north side of Janneys Lane before the intersection of Janney's Lane and Walleston Court.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Joseph Genovese, Bob Jenkins, George Vercessi, and Walter White spoke in favor of the request, but asks the board to consider removing more than one parking space.

DISCUSSION: Bob Garbacz presented the item to the Board. The Board discussed the parking demand in this area, and concluded that removing a parking space or two along this section of Janneys Lane would not negatively affect the community.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cota, to approve Staff's recommendation to remove one parking space with the option of removing a second if deemed necessary by City staff on the north side of Janneys Lane before the intersection of Janneys Lane and Walleston Court. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove one parking space on the east curb of Leslie Avenue at East Nelson Street to install a crosswalk.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke on this request.

DISCUSSION: Hillary Poole presented this item to the Board. There was no further discussion.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman, to approve removing one parking space on the east curb of Leslie Avenue at East Nelson Street to install a crosswalk. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove four parking spaces in conjunction with Safe Routes to School safety improvements at the intersection of Cameron Mills Road and Monticello Avenue and permit loading and unloading on Sundays for the Church on Cameron Mills Road.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke on this request.

DISCUSSION: Hillary Poole presented this item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cota, to approve staff's recommendation to remove four parking spaces in conjunction with Safe Routes to School safety improvements at the intersection of Cameron Mills Road and Monticello Avenue and permit loading and unloading on Sundays for the Church on Cameron Mills Road. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove King Street as a designated through truck route from Section 10-1-15 of the city code.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke on this request.

DISCUSSION: Bob Garbacz presented this item to the Board. The Board discussed clarifying and updating the designated truck routes and no through truck routes sections of city code.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler, approve staff's recommendation to remove King Street as a designated through truck route from Section 10-1-15 of city code, and to review, clarify and update the designated truck routes and no through truck routes sections of city code and considering interstate routes and removing Mt. Vernon Avenue as well as Monroe Avenue bridge. Mrs. White voted nay. The motion carried 5 ayes to 1 nay.

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DOCKET ITEM: 4

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install a “3 Hour, 8 a.m.–5p.m., Monday – Friday, with the exception of District 4 Permit Holders,” restriction on the east side of the 400 block of South Payne Street where parking is currently unrestricted.

APPLICANT: Mary Cronin, and residents of 400 block of South Payne Street

LOCATION: 400 South Payne Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to install a “3 Hour, 8 a.m.–5p.m., Monday – Friday, with the exception of District 4 Permit Holders,” restriction on the east side of the 400 block of South Payne Street where parking is currently unrestricted.

DISCUSSION:

The residents of the 400 block of South Payne Street have sent a petition to the City of Alexandria requesting that this block be included in the District 4 zone for Residential Permit Parking, and that a 3 Hour parking restriction be installed on this block face. The petition can be seen on the following page. Please see Figure 4a for location of the request.

The 400 block of South Payne Street is currently unrestricted parking. Due to the proximity of the block to the King Sreet Metro station and the lack of any parking restrictions, many vehicles are observed parking here for extended periods of time. There are townhomes on the east side of the block and a warehouse on the west side of the block. The petition requests the Residential Permit Parking restriction on both sides of the block, but only the east side of the block is eligible for the RPP restriction. A survey was conducted to determine whether the block face is qualified to be designated as a permit parking block. The following criteria must be met:

1. More than 75 percent of the on-street parking spaces should be occupied at the time of the survey.
2. The number of vehicles parked on the block and owned by nonresidents of Alexandria at the time of the survey should exceed 25 percent of the total number of vehicles parked on the block. This means that the survey should demonstrate that at least 25 percent of the parked vehicles do not display a valid City windshield tag or decal.

The study showed that the east side of the 400 block of South Payne meets the requirements for a Residential Permit Parking block. The study showed 100 percent occupancy with 86 percent of the vehicles being from outside of the City of Alexandria. Staff recommends installing a “3 Hour, 8 a.m.–5p.m., Monday – Friday, with the exception of District 4 Permit Holders.”

RPP Petition for 400 South Payne Street

We the undersigned residents hereby request that the City of Alexandria post residential permit parking district 4, three-hour, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., parking restrictions on the East and West sides of the 400 block of South Payne Street (between Roundhouse Lane and Wilkes Street). We understand that there is a \$20 per year per vehicle fee for resident parking stickers and that we will need to purchase guest passes to allow guests to park on the street.

9 TOWNHOMES (# 400-416) IN OLD TOWN VILLAGE TOWNHOME COMPRISE THE
400 BLOCK OF SOUTH PAYNE STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

Resident Signature / Date	Resident Address
Carolyn Schlossberg 4/12/14	414 S. Payne St. Alexandria, VA
Marti Klamberg 4/12/14	410 S. PAYNE ST ALEXANDRIA VA
Jeffrey Cooper 4-12-14	402 S. PAYNE ST. ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314
Jim Bowen → [Signature] 4-12-14	400 S. Payne St "
Carol Puntero 4-12-14	408 S. Payne St. Alexandria
Mary C. Cronin 4/13/14	416 S. Payne St. Alexandria, VA
m Wu → [Signature] 4/13/14	912 S Payne St Alexandria, VA

Reasons in support of request for time limited parking along the 400 block of South Payne Street are as follows:

1. Due to our proximity to the King Street Metro station, weekday parking along both the east and west sides of the 400 block of S. Payne is overtaken daily by commuters from localities outside our area, e.g., Carlyle and Eisenhower, Fairfax County, D.C., and Maryland. Residents of S. Payne Street- and their visitors and contractors - are prevented from using their own street to park their vehicles.
2. Residents from areas outside of Alexandria have used this block to "garage" their cars while they are out of town, and for longer periods of time, without moving their vehicles.
3. Three-hour parking signs are already posted along nearby Wilkes Street. The same reasons for implementing those restrictions, including the ability of resident taxpayers to park near their homes, also apply to this limited area on South Payne St. Time limited parking along this block of S. Payne would still permit people to park in the evening and overnight hours while not preventing local residents in the immediate area use of the street.

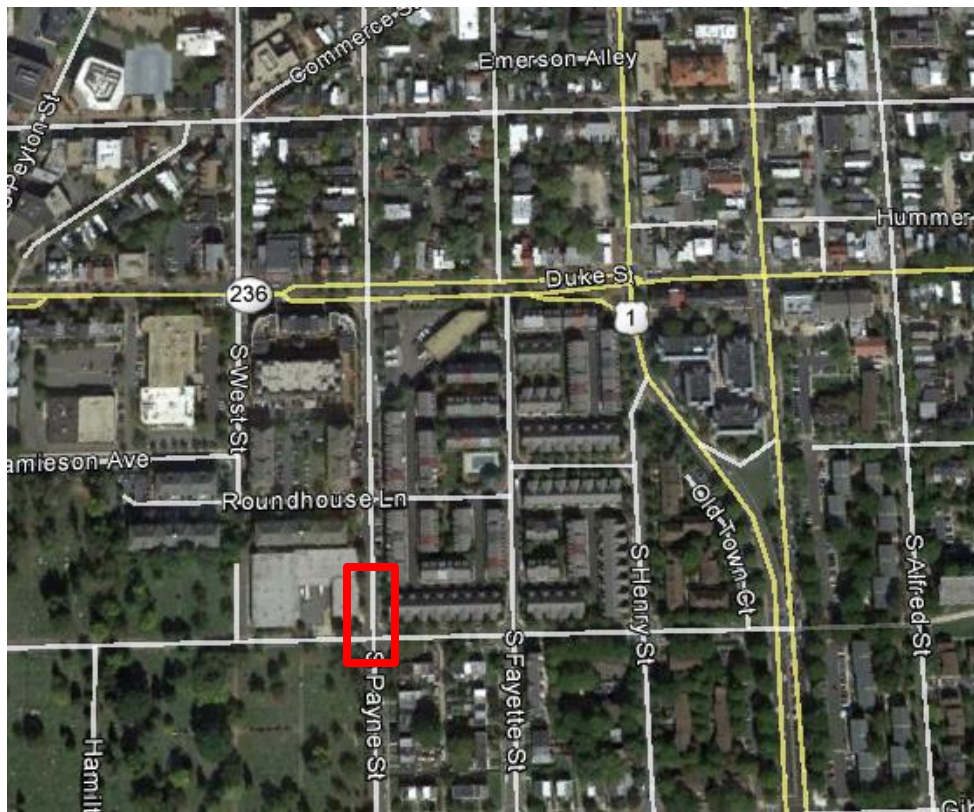


Figure 4a shows the location of the 400 block of S. Payne St.

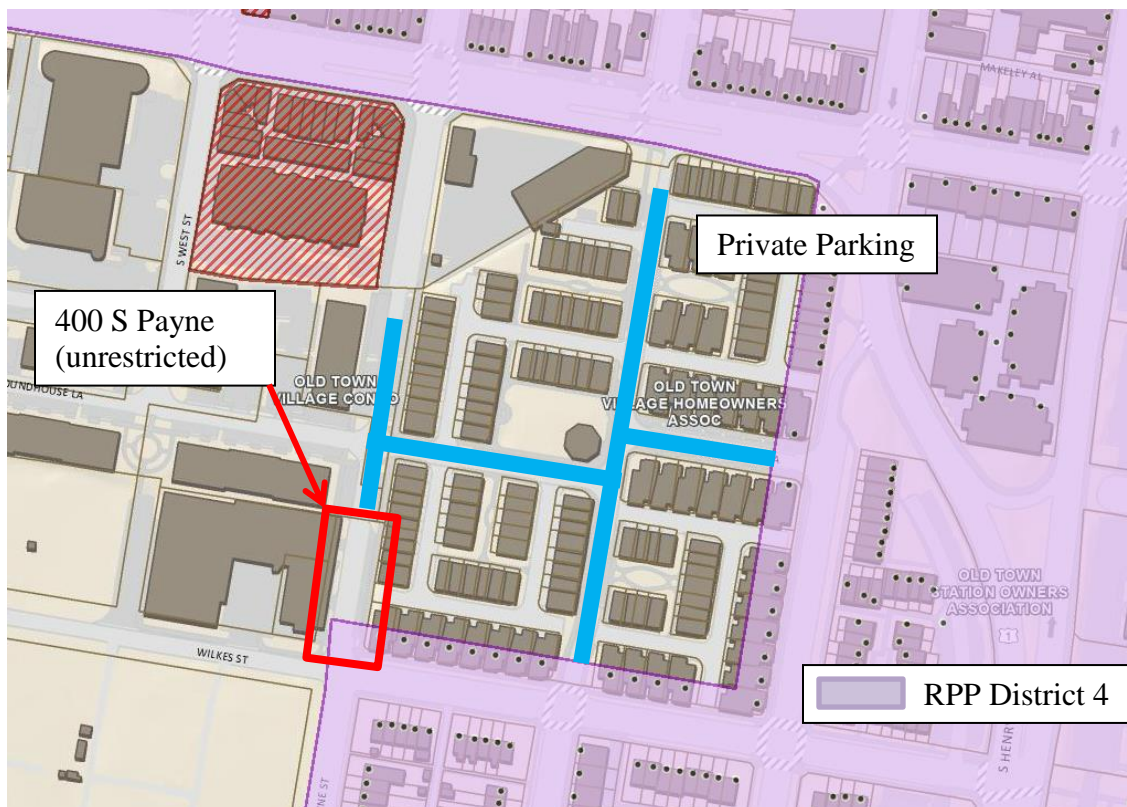


Figure 4b shows RPP District 4 and current parking restrictions near 400 S. Payne St.

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DOCKET ITEM: 5

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to convert a grandfathered certificate of public convenience and necessity (Certificate) into a permanent certificate.

APPLICANT: King Cab Company

LOCATION: 3706 Mount Vernon Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board convert Mr. Gebrehiwort Asmellash Habtm's grandfathered certificate to a permanent certificate and give King Cab 60 days from the Board's decision to fill the certificate.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Gebrehiwort Asmellash Habtm is a Grandfather Certificate holder, King Cab 110, who has been serving the City of Alexandria for over 35 years and has recently retired due to medical reasons. King Cab is requesting that the grandfathered Certificate be made a permanent certificate King Cab continue to provide a high level of service to the City of Alexandria.

The Alexandria City Council approved giving the Traffic and Parking Board authority to convert grandfathered Certificates into permanent certificates at their March 15, 2014 Public Hearing. The grandfathered Certificate holder's parent taxi company must come before the Traffic and Parking Board to request that the Certificate become permanent. The text of the approved ordinance is as follows:

Sec. 9-12-35 Grandfathered certificates.

A certificate which was issued to an individual owner or driver prior to February 15, 1983, and remains in force and effect, including by renewal, on and after July 1, 2005, shall be subject to the following provisions:

- (a) the original holder of such an individual certificate may change affiliation at any time and for any reason, subject to compliance with the provisions of this section.
- (b) the provisions of [section 9-12-32](#) shall not be applicable to renewals of grandfathered certificates held by an individual owner or driver.
- (c) grandfathered certificates may only be transferred in the manner set forth in the following section (d).
- (d) Upon the holder's departure from the industry, the company with whom the grandfathered certificate is at that time affiliated may request that the grandfathered certificate be converted to a standard authorization, which, if granted, shall be in addition to the number of authorizations then affiliated with the company. The Traffic and Parking Board shall consider any such request at a public hearing and will make the final determination regarding such request. The City Manager shall promulgate regulations for processing such requests and scheduling them for hearing. In the event such a request is granted, then the grandfathered certificate holder may transfer the vehicle permit in the same manner and subject to the same regulatory requirements as those vehicle permits for vehicles with standard authorizations.

May 4, 2014

King Cab Company
3706 Mount Vernon Avenue
Alexandria VA 22305

To: The Department of Transportation
City of Alexandria
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

I am writing to you in regards to a transfer of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity # 110 to King Cab Company.

Mr. Gebrehiwot Asmellash Habtm , the previous owner of certificate 110 has recently retired due to medical reasons. King Cab has tried to meet all necessary measures that are required for a transfer to another driver. We have fulfilled all that has been asked of us, and now we are asking for your assistance in granting us the continued operation of this certificate. Card number 539 was associated with Mr. Gebrehiwot Asmellash Habtm certificate 110.

The King Cab Company has operated as a minority cab company for over 40 years in the City of Alexandria. We have had the lowest average stand due ranging from \$30 to \$70, in comparison to other companies in Alexandria that are as high as \$210. This certificate we are mentioning has served the public for over 35 years under the guidance of our company. We would greatly appreciate the consideration of this as a deciding factor in the ultimate decision that will be made. We feel we deserve the opportunity to retain certificate 110.

The loss of this certificate by King Cab would instantly decrease our quantity of drivers and stand dues received. Larger companies can absorb a loss of certificate with less impact throughout, in comparison to a smaller cab company like ours. If we do not retain # 110, the level of service we can provide to the City of Alexandria will be negatively affected. If one looks past the fact that this is simply a single issuance, the continuing operation of this certificate would mark an opportunity for a new driver to contribute 10 hours a day to the interests of the public within our city. It can signify a small step towards improving the job opportunities in our community.

In conclusion, I ask that you approve keeping Certificate # 110 for King Cab so that we can provide a high level of service to the public, while competing with the other cab companies in Alexandria.

Sincerely,



Abdul Karim – King Cab Company